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PROGRAM

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FRG IS CLEARLY ONE OF OUR MOST
IMPORTANT ALLIES, AND THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES (BUNDES-
WEHR) ARE A VITAL FACTOR IN THE MAINTENANCE OF A CREDIBLE
NATO DETERRENT. TO HELP ENSURE AN UP-TO-DATE BUNDESWEHR
AND SOME DEGREE OF EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY WITHIN
NATO, THE FRG REQUIRES SIZEABLE QUANTITIES OF SOPHISTI-
CATED US EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING. THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR
SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE FRG IS TO PROVIDE
BOTH OF THESE WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF US-FRG
COOPERATION IN NATO. THIS MESSAGE IS DESIGNED TO
ANSWER, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, THE QUESTIONS IN REF
A. END SUMMARY.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROGRAM
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1. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IS CLEARLY ONE OF
OUR MOST IMPORTANT ALLIES AND A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO
THE OVERALL SECURITY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.
A STRONG FRG IS ESSENTIAL TO AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT
CAPABILITY ALLIANCE WIDE, AND PARTICULARLY IN THE
CENTRAL REGION. SHOULD THERE EVER BE A WARSAW PACT

AGGRESSION, IT WOULD BE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO DEFEND ALL OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC EFFECTIVELY AND FROM A FORWARD POSITION.

2. IF THE BUNDESWEHR IS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A CREDIBLE DETERRENT, AND IF IT IS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING FORCE AGAINST QUANTITATIVELY SUPERIOR WARSAW PACT FORCES IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK, IT MUST CONTINUOUSLY RECEIVE - FROM BOTH GERMAN AND US SOURCES - THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING. THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE FRG IS TO HELP PROVIDE BOTH OF THESE, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG DEFENSE POSTURE BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND BY THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE. THE BUNDESWEHR'S REQUIREMENTS FOR SOPHISTICATED US EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING ARE NUMEROUS, SINCE IT IS THE LARGEST CONVENTIONAL MILITARY FORCE IN NATO EUROPE AND COMPRISES ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE WESTERN FORCES IN THE NATO FORWARD AREA.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

3. THE FRG HAS ESTABLISHED A REQUIREMENT TO PROCURE SIZEABLE QUANTITIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM US SOURCES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AN UP-TO-DATE MILITARY FORCE AND ENSURE AT LEAST SOME DEGREE OF STANDARDIZATION
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AND INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN US AND FRG FORCES AND AMONG NATO FORCES GENERALLY. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL FOR THE FRG TO PROCURE TRAINING FOR ITS PERSONNEL IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED FROM US SOURCES.

4. BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE FRG IN NATO, THE FRG REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED PURELY AS GERMAN DESIDERATA, BUT AS A NECESSARY ELEMENT OF THE FRG'S COMMITMENT TO NATO DEFENSE OBJECTIVES.

5. PARAGRAPH 6 BELOW LISTS THOSE FMS EQUIPMENT PURCHASES WHICH THE FRG IS LIKELY TO MAKE IN FY 79, AND PARAGRAPH 7 CONTAINS ESTIMATED FY 79 FMS TRAINING PURCHASES BY THE FRG. BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF NATO COUNTRIES, PROVISION OF THESE ITEMS TO THE FRG WOULD BE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S NEW ARMS TRANSFER POLICY. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING LISTS TO BE EXCESSIVE, AND VIEWS THEM AS CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICY OF ENHANCING NATO'S

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CONVENTIONAL COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS.

ESTIMATED FY 79 FMS EQUIPMENT PURCHASES BY THE FRG

6. THE FOLLOWING LIST CONTAINS ONLY MAJOR ITEMS RE-
QUIRING POLICY REVIEW PER SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS
EXPORT CONTROL ACT. THE ITEMS ARE NOT LISTED IN ORDER
OF PRIORITY, SINCE NONE HAS BEEN FORMALLY ESTABLISHED.
THE ITEM NUMBERS ARE FOR PURPOSES OF REFERENCE WITHIN
THE CONTEXT OF THIS CABLE ONLY.

A. AIRCRAFT SUPPORT ITEMS:

ITEM NO.	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY
1	ENGINE, HELICOPTER ALLISON	375
2	MRCA STORES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	250
3	EJECTION SEAT STENCEL	309
4	CHAFE/FLARE DISPENSER ALE AO	350
5	RADAR ATTACK SYSTEM (TERRAIN FOLLOWING MRCA)	250

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6	SCAN CONVERTER F-4	175
7	HEADS UP DISPLAY (HUD) FOR ALPHA JET	200
8	MOD KITS AND SUPPLIES	UNKNOWN

B. OTHER ITEMS:

ITEM NO.	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY
1	HELICOPTER BELL 212 UH1-N	6
2	HELICOPTER UTTAS	30
3	HELICOPTER LAMPS	2
4	MAVERICK (AGM65A)	2,000
5	MISSILE, ROLLING AIR FRAME 5"	288
6	MISSILE, HARPOON RQM-84-A2, 3	106
7	MISSILE, TARTAR SM-2	50
8	MISSILE, SIDEWINDER AIM 9-L	UNKNOWN
9	MISSILE, STINGER	3,000
10	MISSILE, PERSHING, CONVERSION TO PII	160
11	MISSILE, PERSHING, PII	50
12	M-730 VEHICLE	300
13	RADAR TPS43	17
14	ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT	UNKNOWN
15	TAK FIRE COMPUTER SYSTEM	108
16	RADAR ANTPQ 36	20
17	RADAR ANTPQ 37	20
18	M46 TORPEDOES	126
19	SUPPLY SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS	UNKNOWN
20	GP MK83 BOMBS	121
21	SONOBUOYS	11,177
22	RADAR AN/SPS-52B (DDG)	3
23	AOTD FOR SIDEWINDER	9,000

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24	ASROC MATERIAL; ACCESSORIES FOR MK25, MK36, AND MK52 PRACTICE MINES	UNKNOWN
25	TARGET ACQUISITION CONSOLE MK105, MOD 1	3
26	AN/ALR-66 RADAR WARNING RECEIVER	UNKNOWN
27	MK32 TORPEDO TUBES AND MK264 PRESETTERS FOR FRIGATE 122	13

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28	AIM-9L LAUNCHERS	1,356
29	FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT FOR COMPILER MONITOR SYSTEM (CMS-2)	UNKNOWN
30	DDG MID-LIFE CONVERSION FOLLOW-ON	UNKNOWN

ESTIMATED FY 79 FMS TRAINING PURCHASES BY THE FRG

7. DURING FY 79 THE FRG IS EXPECTED TO SIGN A TOTAL OF 29 US LOA'S FOR AN ESTIMATED 1900 STUDENT SPACES FOR FMS TRAINING AND/OR TRAINING-RELATED SERVICES. ALL TRAINING WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH US EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED BY THE FRG THROUGH FMS, PRODUCED UNDER US LICENSE IN GERMANY, OR JOINTLY PRODUCED BY NATO NATIONS. MOST OF THE TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO A NUMBER OF SEPARATE, PREVIOUSLY-EXECUTED DOD-FMOD AGREEMENTS AND ONE EURO-NATO TRAINING AGREEMENT. A BREAKDOWN OF ESTIMATED TRAINING BY FRG SERVICE IS AS FOLLOWS:

FRG SERVICE	NUMBER OF CASES	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
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NAVY	7	200
ARMY	9	1200
AIR FORCE	13	500

8. IT HAS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE, WITHIN THE TIME AVAILABLE, TO OBTAIN A LIST OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES AND RELATED TRAINING WHICH THE FRG IS EXPECTED TO PROCURE FROM US SOURCES ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS IN FY 79. BECAUSE OF ABSENCES OF MANY OF OUR CONTACTS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, THE EARLIEST WE COULD HOPE TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE LATE JANUARY. THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL ESTIMATE IS THAT THE FRG WILL PROCURE FROM 2 TO 3 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SUCH ITEMS ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS IN FY 79.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM THE EMBASSY WHETHER IT WISHES US TO ATTEMPT, IN JANUARY, TO DRAW UP A LIST OF DEFENSE ITEMS - AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 8 ABOVE - LIKELY TO BE PROCURED BY THE FRG FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES IN FY 79.STOESSEL

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